

Assembly Bill No. 133

CHAPTER 157

An act to add Section 60063 to the Education Code, relating to instructional materials.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 133, Hagman. Instructional materials: digital format.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education and the governing board of each school district maintaining one or more high schools to adopt instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and high schools, respectively. Existing law authorizes a local educational agency to use instructional materials that are aligned with the adopted academic content standards, as specified, including basic instructional materials that have not been adopted by the state board. Existing law places specified requirements on a publisher or manufacturer of instructional materials offered for adoption. Existing law, until July 1, 2015, exempts school districts from requirements to provide pupils with instructional materials by a specified time period following adoption of those materials by the state board.

This bill would require a publisher or manufacturer that submits a printed instructional material for adoption by the state board, or for adoption or use by the governing board of a school district, on or after January 1, 2014, to ensure that the printed instructional material is also available in an equivalent digital format during the entire term of the adoption. The bill would require the equivalent digital format of a printed instructional material to conform to certain standards and guidelines, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 60063 is added to the Education Code, to read:

60063. (a) A publisher or manufacturer that submits a printed instructional material for adoption by the state board pursuant to Section 60200 or the governing board of a school district pursuant to Section 60400, or for use by the governing board of a school district pursuant to Section 60210, on or after January 1, 2014, shall ensure that the printed instructional material is also available in an equivalent digital format during the entire term of the adoption.

(b) The equivalent digital format of a printed instructional material shall conform to the most current, ratified standards under Section 508 of the

federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794d), as amended, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium for accessibility.

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